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A. Patents

1. U.S. Patent No. 1,158,547, issued November 2, 1915, entitled "Paper Package", of *P.D. Parsons*;
2. U.S. Patent No. 1,158,548, issued November 2, 1915, entitled "Paper Towel for Toilet Purposes", of *P.D. Parsons*;
3. U.S. Patent No. 1,158,549, issued November 2, 1915, entitled "Paper Towel for Toilet Purposes", of *P.D. Parsons*;
4. U.S. Patent No. 1,158,550, issued November 2, 1915, entitled "Paper Towel for Toilet Purposes", of *P.D. Parsons*;
5. U.S. Patent No. 1,440,897, issued January 2, 1923, entitled "Device for Vending Sanitary Toilet Seat Pads, of *H.H. Sommer*;
6. U.S. Patent No. 2,193,334, issued March 12, 1940, ENTITLED "Dispensing Cabinet", of *C.E. Kirch*;
7. U.S. Patent No. 2,850,345, issued September 2, 1958, entitled "Dispenser for Fanfold Towels", of *M.M. Marcuse et al.*;
8. U.S. Patent 2,932,426, issued April 12, 1960, entitled "Dispensing Devices for Paper Towels", of *D.G. Hope et al.*;
9. U.S. Patent No. 3,702,187, issued November 7, 1972, entitled "Apparatus for Separating Signatures in a Gatherer", of *C.V. Hageman et al.*;
10. U.S. Patent No. 3,912,124, issued October 14, 1975, entitled "Single Copy Newsstand Vendor", of *D.F. Pinkerton*;
11. U.S. Patent No. 3,960,291, issued June 1, 1976, entitled "Folded Article Dispensing Machine", of *M. Navi*;
12. U.S. Patent No. 4,155,484, issued May 22, 1979, entitled "Napkin Holder and Dispenser", of *R. Pastore*;
13. U.S. Patent No. 4,938,382, issued July 3, 1990, entitled "Dispensing Cabinet for Paper Sheets", of *A.D. Frazier et al.*;
14. U.S. Patent No. 4,953,746, issued September 4, 1990, entitled "One-At-A-Time Coupon Dispenser", of *M. Andriash*;

15. U.S. Patent No. 5,100,020, issued March 31, 1992, entitled "Folded Sheet Product Dispenser System", of *T. Petterson et al.*;
- 16 U.S. Patent No. 5,219,092, issued June 15, 1993, entitled "Dispenser for Folded Paper Towels", of *M. Morand*;
17. U.S. Patent No. 5,810,200, issued September 22, 1998, entitled "Pop-Up Tissue Package", of *P.D. Trokhan*; and
18. U.S. Patent No. 6,135,315, issued October 24, 2000, entitled "Method for Dispensing Individual Copies of a Printed Publication From a Stack", of *J.P.F. Gremillion, III et al.*

B. Foreign Patents and Publications

1. Swiss Patent No. 446 403, issued March 15, 1968, of *R. Moll*; and
2. French Publication No. 2 481 240, published October 30, 1981, of *J-C Decaux*.

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